

CRAWFORD THEATER
E. L. MARTIN, G. Manager
Satur. Ev. Dec. 12th
MATINEE AND NIGHT
Engagement of
CHARLES E. HANFORD
Accompanied by MISS MARIE HOPKINS
NAX, with beautiful costumes
"THE TAKING OF THE SHREW"
AT THE MATINEE
"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING"
AT NIGHT
Under the Management of F. LAW-
RENCE WALKER
Free list entirely suspended during this
engagement. Outrages may be ordered
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Lincoln J. Carter
Presents His Greatest Sensational Production
Down Mobile
A Beautiful Romance of the South.
THE OLD SOUTHERN MANSION.
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In Elaborate Costumes. Supported By
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Thursday, December 11, at Stanford's
drug store.

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Stuart Robson

"A Character That Never Will Die"
As
"Bertie the Lamb"
In Bronson Howard

The Henrietta
"The Most Famous of American
Comedies"
AN ALL-STAR CAST
Seats on sale Friday, 8:30 a. m., at
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and 1170.

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We have just received the finest line
of Photo Card Novelties—just the thing
for Christmas.
Come now, before Christmas rush.
We make a specialty of Life-size Direct
Photos, and our Children's Pictures are
not equalled in Wichita.
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The champion wrestler of Wench City,
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The Lupton Agency Co. will not pay any
bills contracted by C. E. Gallagher, or
knowing any business transaction made by
him in the name of, or concerning, the
Lupton Agency Co. in any manner.
(Signed) LOUISE KENNEDY CO.
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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
Has been used for over FIFTY YEARS
BY MILLIONS OF MOTHERS FOR THEIR
CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, WITH
PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE
CHILD, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLAYS
ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC and is
the best remedy for COLIC, RHEUMATISM,
Sore throat, and all other ailments of
the throat and chest.
Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's
Soothing Syrup" and take no other kind.
Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Pyrography.
We guarantee all of our
Pyrography work and give a money
back with each set. Miss Green of Chicago
will be at our store tomorrow to give
information regarding wood turning.
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PRODIGAL IS HOME
Bradley Strong Returns to
America With Yoke.
BROUGHT A MONKEY ALONG
Also Nineteen Trunks and
Some Pineapples.

New York, Dec. 10.—Hand in hand, to
the amazement of mutual acquaintances
on the Cunard pier, ex-Captain Putnam
Bradley Strong and his wife, nee May
Yoke, once Lady Francis Hope, walked
ashore yesterday from the Umbria. On
the additional list of the liner their
names appeared as "Mr. and Mrs. P. B.
Strong."

Their home-coming was in wide con-
trast to their departure from these shores
some months ago, he in secret, she vow-
ing that she never wished to see him
again. This was after the strong
box containing May Yoke's jewels in a
safe deposit vault was found to have
been emptied of gems.
As the world knows of their meeting
in Nice afterward, of their reported mar-
riage at Buenos Ayres.
They came sharply on the heels of the
rumors that had been flying about that
the pair had already been seen in Har-
lem. It did not have a soothing effect
on the former captain to tell him of these
rumors and by whom they were started.
"I'll punch that fellow's head," he said
scoffing, referring to the cabman who had
first started the report. "I thought he
was a friend."

Then he relapsed into silence, and with
compressed lips declined to say a word
as to the plans of Mrs. Strong and him-
self.
With the Strong came twenty-two
pieces of luggage, including nineteen
trunks, a barrel of pineapples from Bu-
enos Ayres, and two wicker chairs, to
say nothing of a monkey and a Japanese
poodle.
Both appeared to be in the best of
health and not in the least abashed by
the curious stares leveled at them, al-
though Strong was manifestly ill at ease.
Mrs. Strong wore a mink turban, topped
with a black cigarette, a white veil,
a mink coat that nearly reached her
feet and a black traveling gown. From
her belt was suspended a chateaufort bag
of woven steel links.
Strong, smooth shaven, with his shoul-
ders thrown well back, wore a dark coat
with a black velvet collar, a dark padlock
overcoat and a derby hat.
He stood talking near the gangplank
for a few minutes with a passenger in a
fur lined overcoat. Then he turned his
attention to the trunks coming ashore,
while his wife stood with the Japanese
poodle in her arms. The monkey, sit-
ting on a trunk, shivering in spite of
the blanket coat fitted to its form, gazed
malevolently at the canine.

"I won't say a word—no, not one word,"
said Mrs. Strong, waving her free hand
in a dramatic manner. "I will not talk
here now, or hereafter."
When it was suggested that her visit
might have to do with the securing of
important papers in her suit against Lord
Francis Innes—papers that were said to
be in the once lifted strong box in the
safe deposit vault, she stared a moment
at her questioner, and then pressing her
lips together turned away.

The trunks of the Strong were the
last to be collected on the pier, to the
great chagrin of the once famed actress.
When they were finally ready for an in-
spector, Strong handed his wife the de-
claration card, to obtain an inspector.
She looked in alarm at the four great
file of voyagers stretching from the deck
of the deputy collector.
"Will I have stand in that line?" she
exclaimed. "Why they are all second
class passengers," and Mrs. Strong lifted
her chin, with a gesture of disdain.
"Don't you get an inspector without
waiting so long?" asked her husband of
one of the customs men.
He said perhaps a friend would help
him out, and went in search of him.
But the friend apiled him coming and
skillfully dodged. It was so with
other inspectors. They would serve when
ordered, they said. Finally an inspector
was secured and Putnam Bradley peddled
off his padlock coat and began to un-
lock trunks.

"I'm afraid you will take cold," Brad-
ley, dear," came in Mrs. Strong's dulcet
tones. "You had better put on your over-
coat." Putnam Bradley obeyed. His
coat disappeared in a minute, when he
was asked to get out of their place.
"Not a word, not a word to say. I
won't tell of plans or anything else. I
have absolutely nothing to say and will
continue to have nothing to say as long
as we are here."

"And I can't do it all," wailed Mrs.
Strong, who had to take up her husband's
work and was trying to unlock a Xmas
bag trunk. "All right, dear, returned
Bradley, assuming his manner of meek-
ness. "I will help you," and he did.
When at last all of the trunks were ex-
amined and the barrel of pineapples had
proved to be only pineapples and nothing
more, Strong handed the monkey, which
had been scolding and scolding by
turns, and started for the cab stand.
"Did you expect anyone to meet you?"
ventured the customs man.
"No," Mrs. Strong replied, triumphantly.
"I told you that," returning a little
he mentioned to a telegraph clerk and
sent a message by Mrs. Yoke, at Har-
lem, to the Lupton Agency, informing her
that they would come there as soon as pos-
sible.

The baggage was piled on an express
wagon to be taken to the Grand Central
station, and the Strong entered a carriage,
ordering the driver to take them to the
Hotel Manhattan. They did not stop
at the hotel. At least they did not stop
there. They reached the Grand Central
station barely in time to check their bag-
gage and rush aboard the train that left
at 12:30 p. m. The baggage followed an
hour later.
At the depot many recognized Strong,
much to his discomfort. One old train-
man, who had watched him until he
disappeared through the door of the day
coach, said:
"There he looks a lot thinner. Oh, my
chicken! What a way to die! He was
in them Turkish cigarettes every morn-
ing." The Strong on their arrival at Har-
lem found a curious crowd awaiting
them. The news that they were in point
had somehow spread. They entered a
cab, at a cab stand, and were taken to
Mrs. Yoke's home, from which they did
not emerge the rest of the day.
On the Umbria, passengers said, the
Strong had mingled freely with the other
voyagers and had become quite popular.

THE OLD RELIABLE
ROYAL
BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure
THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

CITY IN BRIEF.

Geo. T. Beatty, of El Dorado, is visiting
friends in the city.
W. H. Herbig is in El Dorado looking after
business interests there.
Charles Walthered here a business
trip to Winfield yesterday.
L. C. Sawyer, a Sedgewick merchant,
was in the city yesterday.

Don Porter is in Oklahoma this week
discharging high successful years work.
W. H. Johnston, a merchant of New
Albany, was buying goods here yesterday.
George Schuster returned from a busi-
ness trip to Woodward, O. T., yester-
day.

Anna Brown arrived at the Thomas
sanitarium yesterday from Arkansas
City.

Miss Lizzie DeVore arrived here yester-
day from Greenview. She will attend the
Lewis academy.

Dave Williamson and J. N. Sturges re-
turned from a business trip to Kansas
City last night.

James Allison went to Winfield yester-
day on business connected with the col-
lege at that place.

Mr. John Ferriter went to Arkansas
City last evening to attend the Masonic
banquet at that place.

Miss Daisy Stanley returned yesterday
from a six weeks' visit with her sister,
Mrs. Parquerson, at El Reno.

Miss Margarette Millhous, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Millhous, is very ill
at her home on South Water street.

D. H. Dunham has closed up his
wholesale establishment at Jola, and is in
the Thomas sanitarium for treatment.

Mr. Bert Bowers has come home from
New Orleans to visit his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. S. Bowers, of 157 Ohio avenue.

M. E. E. Collins, president of the Union
Land and Trust company, of Cedar Rap-
ids, Iowa, and S. B. Wetzel, of Lacombe,
Ill., are guests of S. A. Wetzel, of this
city.

Mr. and Mrs. Mercer have the sym-
ptoms of all their friends and the Relief
Corps extends sympathy especially to
Miss Mercer, on the severe illness of
their son.

Melvin Brant is visiting his brother, R.
E. Brant, of this city. Mr. Brant is a
lawyer at Bedford, Iowa, and is engaged
in opening up a townsite at Eagle City,
Oklahoma.

Comer Brothers, of Cleveland, Ohio,
were here yesterday looking over the city
with Mr. Dixon. They are manufacturers
of millinery and were very well pleased
with Wichita.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's
church will meet Friday afternoon at 2:30
o'clock with Mrs. A. M. Dunks, 118 North
Topeka. The study of V. A. Christ will
be commenced and Mrs. Fred Heller will
sing "Eternity."

Geo. W. Gregory, of the West Side;
Charles E. Canfield, of North Street;
Mr. Smoke, El Fairmount; Diebold Pol-
lock, 123 S. Water street, all old soldiers,
are very sick, and with little hope of
recovery.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Innes
was brightened Tuesday by the arrival of
a sweet little baby boy. It is their first
child and they are naturally very much
elated over it. Both the child and mother
are doing nicely.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Can Rely Upon
Bears the
Signature of
Chas. H. Atterton

Elect Officers.
Eggleston Post, No. 24, elected the
following officers for the ensuing year:
President, J. C. Eggleston; Vice, J. C.
A. Grubb; J. V. Williams; Secy, Q. M.
A. G. Rayburn; Surgeon, Dr. R. H.
Brown; Chaplain, W. L. Rose; Order of
Ladies, J. C. Eggleston; Grand, C.
Williams; Trustees, Dr. D. E. De Rose
and — Lane; delegates to encampment,
William Auld, T. Smith; alternates, T.
R. Hornday and J. W. Northrup.

OLD FOGY KNEW.
Experience Teaches People.
"My parents considered coffee simply
a harmless beverage for old and young,
so when a mere baby I commenced to
drink it, and when I reached woman-
hood, found myself troubled with neu-
rasmus, headache, and an irritable
temper and to obtain relief, I drank more
and more coffee, thus adding fuel to the
fire."

"I grew worse until life was one black
night of pain. My nerves were shattered,
body wrecked with suffering, my stom-
ach gave out and utterly refused to digest
the most simple foods, and finally I lay
for weeks, starving and longing for food,
but unable to eat more than just enough
to keep me alive."

"While in this state, my next door
neighbor brought in a fragrant cup that
I supposed was some new grade of cof-
fee, and although I had suffered so ter-
ribly from its effects, the temptation
was too strong to resist, and I drank it
with relief. I noticed it had a rich
agreeable taste and I drank it without
distress. She repeated the kindness two
or three times."

"I began to congratulate myself that
it was not coffee that hurt me after all.
I was assuring my friend of this one day
when she astonished me by saying that
I was not drinking coffee, but a pure
food drink called Postum Food Coffee,
made from nourishing grain for building
up the system and nerve instead of tear-
ing them down."

"I then began to drink Postum regu-
larly, and to get well slowly but surely.
Today I am as strong, healthy, comfort-
able, nervous system is entirely rebuilt
and with a reserve force of strength in-
time of need; I sleep well and awake
refreshed and feel bright for each day's
task, with no indigestion or stomach
trouble, and a good, strong active brain
ready for any mental strain or toil."

"There is no doubt on earth that coffee
nearly killed me."

"A friend of mine was obliged to re-
sist her position as school teacher, be-
cause of extreme nervousness caused by
coffee drinking. I induced her to use Pos-
tum in place of coffee, and at the end of
four months she was again teaching again,
her nervousness gone and feeling and
looking like a young person; her coffee
complexion having become a beautiful,
healthy bloom." Name given by Postum
Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Every member of the church of St. John's
Episcopal church is earnestly urged to
attend rehearsal on Thursday evening at
8 o'clock sharp in the Guild room of
the church. Professor Ellinger, di-
rector of music at Fairmount college,

FEARS OF MASCAIGNI
Great Composer Asks for an
Armed Guard
TO PROTECT HIS LIFE
From What Source No One in
Authority Knoweth.

New York, Dec. 10.—Pietro Mascagni,
the Italian composer, came into the city
for a concert last night. At the station
he was surrounded by forty policemen
and detectives. He was in fear of his
life. Police Commissioner Partridge had
sent Captain Walsh of the West Thirti-
eth street station, with the police, to
meet Mascagni. The captain appeared
himself, with revolver and billy, at the
Grand Central depot when the train with
the impresario-composer-conductor pulled
in.

Just what the causes of Mascagni's
fears are seen mysterious. It is, how-
ever, declared by his representative that
the outcome of the trouble in Boston,
when the composer was arrested on civil
rights in which men connected with the
tour of America were concerned.

The fears of Composer Mascagni were
communicated to Mayor Low Saturday
in a letter by Robert Heard, Mascagni's
for the composer's life because of the
manager. He told the mayor he feared
suits in Boston; laid out reasons for the
fears, and that the "great" men are always
bored and feared, and that there was too
much risk in the celebrated Italian com-
ing into this city unprotected by repre-
sentatives of the law who could afford him
protection.

The letter was turned over to Commis-
sioner Partridge. He deemed it of
sufficient importance to send to Captain
Walsh, who was to accompany the com-
poser. Mascagni had appealed to the
Italian prime minister, Zardani, when
arrested in Boston, and that official had
promised to interfere and make it his
personal business to do so.

Captain Walsh's instructions from Com-
missioner Partridge were to send forty
or fifty men to the Grand Central de-
pot.

When the train from Springfield, Mass.,
came in at 5:30 the detectives swarmed
about it. It looked like a reception in
the depot, with the attendants and
guards, ran up to see what the matter
was.

Mascagni and Manager Heard stepped
out of the car and Captain Walsh greet-
ed them.

"Pleased to meet you, Senator Captain,"
said the composer. Mr. Heard looked
about him suspiciously. He consulted
Captain Walsh in whispers.

Mr. Heard stepped into the cab, and
Captain Walsh assigned one of his de-
tective sergeants to get into the cab
with the composer and Mr. Heard.

The drive to the Herald Square
theater, where Mascagni was billed to
conduct a concert.

There were four women and about
forty men in the party. They split up
into two and three and walked. A de-
tective accompanied each group or walk-
ed behind.

In this way they went through Forty-
second street to Fifth avenue. Though
they were large sized groups they mixed
in with the crowds on those thorough-
fares, and little attention was attracted.
They also went to the Herald Square
theater.

The forty detectives went behind the
scenes in the theater to watch the com-
poser and his troupe. What the fear
was in regard to the troupe was vague,
but their lives were also endangered, ac-
cording to rumor, and the detectives
watched them as closely as the com-
poser.

Mascagni's first arrest in Boston was
in a civil action brought by Mittenhall
Brook, who was suing the composer. He
had received \$3,000 in advance from
them, they claimed, and he had refused
to play in Boston on a certain night.
They claimed to be out \$2,000 in money
advanced to the composer and his men,
but they said they only wanted the \$3,000
they had given him.

It was after his arrest in a civil suit
by Joseph Smith, who claimed to have
arranged the negotiations for the com-
poser, and wanted \$2,300. Bonds were given
for the composer, and he was able to leave
the state.

COMING LOCAL EVENTS.
Woman's Veteran Relief union auditing
committee will meet to audit the
books this week.

The regular meeting of the Children's
Home board will be held at the home
today at 2:30 p. m.

All members of Wichita Lodge, No. 21,
I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at 9
tonight for drill in third degree.

The association committee will meet
at Matson, Keith & Matson's office
Saturday next at 2 o'clock p. m.

The East Side C. P. T. will hold a
mother's meeting this afternoon at
2:30 in the Friends church. All are cor-
dially invited.

All members of Wichita Council No. 6,
I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at 9
tonight for drill in third degree.

The Woman's Christian Temperance so-
ciety will hold a cooked food sale on Sat-
urday, December 12, at the Sunflower
grocery store, 65 East Douglas avenue. All
members are requested to bring some-
thing for the sale.

W. R. C. No. 21, and comrades of
Woman's Relief Corps will meet Friday
afternoon at Mrs. King's, 45 East Douglas
avenue, where their meeting was held
last Wednesday on account of the fire
at the Commodore West. Ladies, please
take notice. At 2 p. m. prompt.

The Ohio association will hold its meet-
ing tonight, December 12, at the hall, 22
North Main street. There will be a
program, consisting of vocal and instru-
mental music, short addresses, recita-
tions, etc. All are invited to attend. Ad-
mission free. Refreshments will be served.
Everybody is invited to participate in
this evening's festivity, and the fair will
be inspiring and a pleasure to Christmas.

Peerless Degree of Honor, No. 6, will
hold their semi-annual election of of-
ficers Friday evening, December 12, Mem-
bers of the order are requested to come
and bring a pie. Mr. Eddy, representa-
tive of the Grand of Chocolate company of
Lansing, Mich., will give a free man-
ifestation of strength of character, abridged
history, royal luncheon chess and lec-
ture. Not only members of the order
are invited, but all who are of any person
and being your friends.

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and leader of the Apollo club, will con-
duct the rehearsal, after which the ladies
of the church will serve refreshments to
the choir and any friends they may in-
vite. The rehearsal will be principally
upon the music for the Christmas ser-
vices.

OMNIBUS BILL IS OPPOSED
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Mr. Quay, continuing, says: "Because
of the history and crime within the
limits of the Five Tribes in Indian Ter-
ritory, it presents a record more deplorable
than exists in any state in the
Union," and adds that the census of 1900
shows that 25 per cent of the entire popu-
lation of the Indian Territory is illiter-
ate. The introduction of liquor into the
Indian Territory, which he says, would
follow a union of the territory with the
state of Oklahoma, would demoralize the
tribes. Mr. Quay adds:
"Oklahoma is ready for statehood. The
Indian Territory is unfit in all respects
to enter the Union."
In conclusion Senator Quay says: "For
the reasons, therefore, that the Republi-
can party in 1900 promised statehood to
the territories of Arizona, New Mex-
ico and Oklahoma, while no such pledge
was made or promised in the national
convention to the Indian Territory, which
is not now fit for statehood, and that
the territory contains a population in
number and character of population as
well as in resources and territorial ex-
tent with nearly all the states admitted
to the Union for many years past, and in
accordance with the precedents of our
history, I recommend that the house bill
be passed without amendment."

Oklahoma Is Agitated.
Cuthbert, O. T., Dec. 10.—The action of
the senate committee on the statehood
bill has caused a flood of telegrams and
delegations from Oklahoma to rush into
Washington, D. C. There are not less
than twenty delegations from over the
territory now on the road to Washing-
ton to use their influence in every way
to secure the passage of the omnibus
bill. On the other hand, the single
statehood advocates have sent single men
and delegations to fight for the Nelson
bill. The result of this fight is looked
for eagerly by every one in Oklahoma.
Even these farmers who were not inter-
ested heretofore in statehood have be-
come intensely interested in the outcome.

Measure of Importance.
There has never yet been any measure
before congress that has seemed so im-
portant to these people. The mass
meeting fever has spread rapidly and the
larger cities are holding meetings and
passing resolutions in favor of the om-
nibus bill.

Among those who have sent telegrams
to parties at Washington in National
Committee Grimes. He telegraphed to
Senator Mark Hanna today, telling
him that the senate committee should
have reported the omnibus bill and that
it was doing a great injury politically
and otherwise to Oklahoma by reporting
as it did.

CRY IS DEATH TO GERMANS
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of international law, besides offending the
United States. One paper suggests that
the seizure of the customs has been de-
layed in deference to the objections of
the United States government to the
landing of troops and points out that
the blockade of the Venezuelan ports will
only injure British, German and Ameri-
can trade.

Other papers discuss the enormous ex-
pense and difficulty of conducting mili-
tary operations in such a difficult coun-
try, should President Castro maintain a
defiant attitude and the question of the
utility of spending millions of pounds
sterling in conducting a country which
cannot be annexed and is likely to prove
bankrupt.

SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACES.
Half the Original Starters Still on
the Track.

New York, Dec. 10.—But eight teams,
half of the original number of starters
in the six-day bicycle race, remained on
the track at midnight, when the half-way
mark was reached, during the day Frank
Kramer established a new record for an
unpaced flying start, half mile, covering
the distance in 34 1/5 seconds. Later he
broke the quarter mile un-paced record in
25 1/5 seconds, the previous record made
by Major Taylor being 25 4/5 seconds.
The score at midnight was 1,173 miles.

WELLINGTON TAKES ACTION.
Election Called to Vote Bonds for
Prospecting Purposes.

Wellington, Dec. 10.—At the Business
Men's club meeting at the council cham-
ber last night, Chairman Geo. H. Hunter
was authorized by an unanimous vote of
the club to appoint a committee to circu-
late a petition asking the mayor and
council to call a special election to vote
\$15,000 bonds for the purchase of an oil
and gas well. This action was taken after
the committee, of which Mayor Hunt was
a member, made its report of the visit to
the Wellington gas well and a propo-
sition submitted by Hargre & Co., who dis-
covered gas at Wellington. The committee
reported that the Wellington well was all
that it was represented to be and stated
that Hargre & Co. had offered to come to
Wellington and to open a gas well here for
half a million cable feet per day for an
oil well flowing ten barrels per day for the
sum of \$15,000. They are to receive nothing
in the event of oil or gas is not found.

The committee stated that they were
informed at Wellington that an experienced
oil and gas man from Pennsylvania had
visited Wellington, and that he was will-
ing to come to Wellington and to open a
gas well here for half a million cable feet
per day for an oil well flowing ten bar-
rels per day for the sum of \$15,000. They
are to receive nothing in the event of oil
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CASTORIA.
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Bears the
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Chas. H. Atterton

MATTHEWS DEFEATS ZEIGLER.
Six Rounds Finished the Latter Be-
fore Savannah Club.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 10.—Marty Mat-
thews, former waterweight champion, de-
feated the Georgian over Owen Zeigler at
the Savannah Athletic club tonight in
the sixth round of what was scheduled
to be a twenty-round bout.

In the second round Zeigler knocked
Matthews down and drew blood from his
eye. In the sixth Matthews and Zeigler
fought to the last with a right to the point
of the jaw. Zeigler took the round and
got his mind as an infuriated animal, striv-
ing right and left. He made a desperate
attack on Matthews, but, before Zeigler

DAVE FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY.
Topeka, Kan., Dec. 10.—If he will take
the place, H. J. Dave of Kansas will be
Governor Bailey's private secretary. Mr.
Dave, it is said, has been offered the ap-
pointment, but it is not yet known if he
will accept it.

NEWLY SEEDED AREA.
Kansas and Oklahoma Show a Large
Increase.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The statisti-
cian of the department of agriculture an-
nounces the newly seeded area of winter
wheat at about thirty-four million acres,
an increase of 14 per cent over the area
estimated to have been sown in the fall
of 1901. The condition of winter wheat
on December 1 was 83, as compared with
87 in 1901, 81 in 1900, and a nine-year
average of 84.

The following table shows for several
years the area of winter wheat seeded in
the United States:

Year	Area (in millions of acres)
1901	30.0
1900	26.0
1899	24.0
1898	22.0
1897	20.0
1896	18.0
1895	16.0
1894	